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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HEGER et al. ) Applications

Serial No. 09/640,091 )

Filed: August 17, 2000 )

For: TEST UNIT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING STABLE FORMULATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim 1 as follows:

1. A dividing wall column divided in the middle region into a feed section and an offtake section by a [dividng] dividing wall and having as segments
- a) an upper column region,
  - b) an enrichment section of the feed section,
  - c) a stripping section of the feed section,
  - d) an upper part of the offtake section,
  - e) a lower part of the offtake section,
  - f) an intermediate region of the feed section,
  - g) an intermediate region of the offtake section
- and
- h) a lower column region,